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TO: State Directors
Rural Development

ATTN: Community Programs Directors

FROM: Russell T. Davis (*Signed by David J. Villano*)
Administrator
Housing and Community Facilities Programs

SUBJECT: Eligibility of YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Scouts for Community Facilities
Loans and Grants

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

This Administrative Notice (AN) is being issued to provide uniform and consistent Agency interpretation on issues regarding Community Facilities (CF) loans and grants applications for projects that have YMCA, YWCA, Boys, and Girls Scouts listed as applicants.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This is a new Administrative Notice and therefore has no previous reference.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

We continue to receive a number of inquiries about the eligibility of organizations that are not open for both male and female participants. While it has been the stance of Community Facilities that any project that utilizes CF funds must be open to all citizens and not discriminate on the basis of sex, there is an exemption to that rule. The exemption is listed in:

EXPIRATION DATE:
March 31, 2007

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding RD Instruction 1942-A,
RD Instruction 3570-B, and
RD Instruction 3575-A

Title VI, PART 15a.14 Membership practices of certain organizations.

(b) YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. This part does not apply to the membership practices of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Parker, Director, Direct Loan and Grant Division, Community Programs, by phone at (202) 720-1490 or by fax at (202) 690-0471